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LA FIRE SPRINKLER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING
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SFM ITEMS OF CONCERN

1 1999 NFPA 13:5-1.1(1) SPRINKLERS SHALL BE INSTALLED THROUGHOUT THE PREMISES

Note to SFM Plan Review Staff:

Effective immediately, if you discover that a project submitted is only partially sprinklered, do not publish an "appears to comply" letter, citing partial sprinklering as a deficiency in your letter. Unfortunately, many owners and POR's see our "approval" and simply file the letter away, never remedy the deficiency. Come inspection time, havoc intervenes when inspector reads your cited deficiency and sees that building is still only partially sprinklered.

If you do not see:

- A 2-hour minimum fire barrier with independent separate egress on both sides (dividing sprinklered from un-sprinklered), or
- Appeal evidence regarding equivalency to partial sprinklered building, or
- Sprinkler installation approved in phases, or
- Partial sprinklering allowed by specific reference in NFPA 101, 13, 13R, 13D, etc.

then publish a hold letter and require the applicant to respond to your cited deficiency regarding partially sprinklered facility.

2 1999 NFPA 13:4-13.7 SPRINKLER PROTECTION OF "SMOKER'S BALCONIES" AT MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS

You request guidance from this office regarding sprinkler protection for the referenced smoker's balconies. As indicated by the handbook commentary to NFPA 13:4-13.7, automobile porte cocheres at hotels do not meet the intent of "combustibles that are stored or handled". Smoker's ash receptacles and miscellaneous combustible seating benches do not constitute "combustibles that are stored or handled", therefore, sprinkler protection is not required.

3 2000 NFPA 101:9.7.1.2 PROTECTION OF ISOLATED HAZARDS

Question:

We are sprinkling a mechanical closet in a school that does not have a building sprinkler system. Six sprinklers are required. Is a 250 gpm hose stream required for an isolated hazard?